



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes January 12, 2022

Virtual on Webex



I. Call Meeting to Order

President Crosby called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Amanda Crosby, David Demmer, Britt Rohrbaugh, Tjaard Breeuwer, Barb Darland, Natalie Chin, Kala Pedersen, Jenny Peterson, James Jones

Not Present: Noah Kramer, City Council Liaison – Arik Forsman, St. Louis County Commissioner – Ashley Grimm, Jill Lofald – ISD 709 School Board Liaison

III. Approval of the October 13 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Pedersen motioned for approval of the October 13 meeting minutes; second by Commissioner Chin. Unanimously approved.

IV. Presentations

A. Courage Kenny (Informational) Eric Larson, Director of Courage Kenny

Chin questioned how the pandemic affected programming. Eric Larson stated everything stopped on March 13, which then led to stronger partnerships with other offices in the region. Shared the focus at the beginning of the pandemic was to check in on individuals to see how they were doing and what their wishes were for programming. Shared there were high volumes of equipment loans.

B. Natural Resources Management Program Plan (Informational) Diane Desotelle, Natural Resources Coordinator

Demmer questioned how City staff will be involved with implementing this plan. Desotelle stated the Natural Resources Coordinator and City Forester routinely work together, while the Natural Resources Coordinator will take the lead to have the plan move forward and other City staff will become involved depending on the need.

V. Commissioner Committees

Administrative (E-Board) meeting date: Wednesday, March 3 at noon, virtual meeting on Webex
Amanda Crosby, David Demmer, Natalie Chin [Jess Peterson, Jessica Haig]

Public Golf Committee – Tuesday, February 15 at 5 p.m., virtual meeting on Webex
David Demmer, Noah Kramer [Jess Peterson, Jessica Haig]

VI. Commissioner & Liaison Reports

VII. New Business

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A. Lakewalk – Brighton Beach Resiliency Preliminary Design (Action Requested) Cliff Knettel, Senior Planner

Demmer questioned if wave action review was implemented in the design of this project. Knettel indicated AMI gathered data on wave impacts, and one of the results showed that trail realignment



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needed to occur at a segment. Stated there is additional FEMA dollars that will be applied towards more revetment efforts.

Demmer motioned to support of the proposed conceptual recreational amenities and improvements, trail realignment, and landscaping as described in the Duluth Lakewalk Renewal and Brighton Beach Resiliency Report as presented at the January 12, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission. Darland second. Unanimously approved, motion carries

B. 2022 Meeting Schedule Vote (Action Requested) – Amanda Crosby, President

Breeuwer motioned to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission, E-Board, and Public Golf Committee 2022 meeting schedule. Second Rohrbaugh. Unanimously approved, motion carries.

C. Parks and Recreation Commission Officer Elections (Action Requested) – Amanda Crosby, President

Breeuwer motioned to approve the following E-Board members for the 2022 year. Amanda Crosby as President, David Demmer as Vice President, Natalie Chin as Secretary. Second Darland. Unanimously approved, motion carries.

IX. **Division Report**

Jenny Peterson requested an update on the Master Plan. Jess Peterson shared the Essential Spaces Master Planning process is progressing nicely, with nearly 2,000 respondents to the survey. Stated the consultant shared that for a community of our size, this is a great turn out. Mentioned the survey results are still being compiled, and will be sent to staff for review in the next couple of weeks. Shared community workshops will take place in the Spring. Shared the hope is to have a draft plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission during the Summer.

X. **Public Comment**

XI. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

XII. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9 virtual on Webex.